

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1729**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Yamada**

February 3, 2010

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An act to amend Section 18974.5 of the Government Code, relating to civil service examinations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1729, as introduced, Yamada. Civil service examinations: veterans' preference.

Under the State Civil Service Act, veterans of the Armed Forces who take an entrance examination for state employment are allowed extra points by virtue of their status as veterans. Existing law provides that if a member of the Armed Forces successfully passes a state civil service examination and becomes qualified for the veterans' preference within 6 months after the establishment of the employment list, he or she is entitled to receive the additional points at that time.

This bill would permit a member of the Armed Forces, upon successfully passing a state civil service examination, to be awarded the additional veterans' credit prior to his or her discharge or release from the Armed Forces. The bill would make a related declaration of legislative intent.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 18974.5 of the Government Code is  
2     amended to read:

1     18974.5. Any member of the Armed Forces who successfully  
2 passes any state civil service examination and whose name as a  
3 result is placed on an employment list ~~and who within six months~~  
4 ~~after the establishment of the employment list for which the~~  
5 examination was given ~~qualifies, and who, if discharged or~~  
6 ~~released under conditions other than dishonorable, would qualify~~  
7 for a veteran's preference as provided for in Sections 18973 and  
8 18973.1, shall be allowed the appropriate veterans' credit ~~to the~~  
9 ~~same effect as though he or she were entitled to that credit at the~~  
10 ~~time of the establishing of the employment list. When and if that~~  
11 ~~person is allowed veterans' credit under this section his or her~~  
12 ~~name shall be placed on the employment list in accordance with~~  
13 ~~Section 18937 as the employment list stands at the time of~~  
14 ~~qualifying for veterans' credit.~~

15     SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that nothing in Section  
16 1 of this act shall exempt a member of the Armed Forces from the  
17 provisions governing the veteran's preference.